

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 26, and bridging over to page 5 of the specification as filed as follows:

When the catheter 1 is implanted in this manner, the distal ends 9 of the catheter tubes 7 would be exposed, on the exterior of the patient's body, perhaps covered with a dressing gown or a layer of gauze or other dressing material. The inner housing 20 may be applied to cover the distal tips 9 of the catheter 1 together with an additional dressing (not shown), if such an additional dressing is present or desired. In the preferred embodiment as further illustrated in FIG. 3, the housing 20 is opened by applying pressure at opposing grips 24, 25 and squeezing apart upper edge portion 21 away from lower edge portion 23, to form a first opening 22. Preferably, both upper edge portion 21 and lower edge portion 23 are ~~[[21' is]]~~ provided with a clamping feature, such as for example, two opposing spring members 21', 23' secured within upper and lower edge portions 21, 23. The spring members ~~(not shown)~~ may be secured adjacent edge portions 21, 23 ~~[[21']]~~, to bias the housing toward the closed position, so that the opening 22 is closed, and edge portions 21, 23 are securely clamped across tubes 7, thus covering previously distal tips 9 of the catheter 1.